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FROM ODC

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, BE, SZ

SUBJECT: TRANSFER OF M109 GUN PARTS

REF: STATE 193744

1. SABIEX, A PRIVATE BELGIAN FIRM, CURRENTLY HAS AN INTERNATIONAL IMPORT CERTIFICATE NO DIV 391 ISSUED BY BELGIAN MINISTER OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS FOR 23,000 TRACK SHOES FOR M109 AND 22,000 RUBBER PADS FOR TRACK SHOES FOR M109. GUN TUBES NOT LISTED ON IMPORT CERTIFICATE.

2. MR. LEVY, DIRECTOR OF SABIEX, STATED THAT THIS FIRM INTENDS TO SELL THE TRACK SHOES AND RUBBER PADS TO EURACO, ANOTHER PRIVATE BELGIAN FIRM, WHO HAS CONTACT WITH BELGIAN ARMY FOR REPAIR OF M109. HE FURTHER STATED THAT HIS FIRM HAS NO INTEREST IN THE 146 GUN TUBES MENTIONED IN REFERENCE.

3. GOB WILL NOT CONFIRM THAT THE TRACK SHOES AND RUBBER
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PADS ARE FOR USE BY BELGIAN ARMY UNTIL MATERIEL ARRIVES IN BELGIUM AND CAN BE INSPECTED. TRACK SHOES ARE LISTED BY SWISS ARMY AS BEING IN USED CONDITION.

4. THIS OFFICE HAS LEARNED THROUGH COMMERCIAL SOURCES THAT NORCA MACHINE CORPORATION OF NEW YORK ALSO PURCHASED TRACK SHOES (NEW) FROM GOVERNMENT OF SWITZERLAND AND SOLD

THEM TO EURACO OF BELGIUM.

5. THE BELGIAN ARMY HAS INDICATED ITS INTENTION OF UTILIZING THESE ITEMS IF THEY ARE SERVICEABLE. BELGIAN FIRM SABIEX ESTIMATES THAT FIFTY PERCENT OF THE USED TRACKED SHOES WILL BE IN SERVICEABLE CONDITION. THE RUBBER PADS ARE REPORTED TO BE IN NEW CONDITION AND SHOULD BE ACCEPTABLE. GDS 31 DEC 83. CHAMBERS

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